

# HONOLULU Star-Bulletin

## KAISER TO OFFER PEACE ON CHRISTMAS, ROME REPORTS

Majority of Comments Indicate Local Men Think "Plotter" Should Have Been Sent to Jail—Reported Rodiek is Coming Back to Reorganize Hackfeld & Co.—Conviction Carries Loss of Citizenship

If expressions of Honoluluans heard today are a criterion, Honolulu is indignant at the leniency shown Georg Rodiek by the federal court in San Francisco. With few exceptions, every persons seen by Star-Bulletin reporters thought Rodiek had been let off too easily; some favored a stiffer fine, while the majority were of the opinion that a jail sentence was merited.

Rodiek's conviction and sentence carry with them loss of American citizenship, it was stated today in legal circles. Rodiek has already been dropped from the rolls of the Pacific Club; he is under fire in the Commercial Club but so far no move has been made to expel him from the chamber of commerce.

Former Governor George R. Carter declared that he had been told in San Francisco that Rodiek intended to return here and reorganize Hackfeld & Co. as a purely American institution. How this can be done with Rodiek deprived of his rights of citizenship is a matter of speculation.

Some of the comments heard relative to Rodiek's light sentence follow: RICHARD TRENT, Trent Trust Co.: "The history of this case clearly proves that every German, regardless of how good a citizen he was before the war, in a potential if not an active enemy of this country, and as such should be locked up until the war is ended. Georg Rodiek is a member of the latter class, and I can see no reason why he should not be behind the bars. I also can not see why any of the local clubs should hesitate for an instant over the question of dropping him from membership."

DEPUTY SHERIFF JULIUS ASCH: "If Georg Rodiek is guilty of the things to which he confessed and to which the evidence points he certainly should not be given his liberty and the \$10,000 fine was far too small."

T. H. PETRIE, Castle & Cooke: "Rodiek's sentence was much milder than I thought it was going to be."

A. J. LEWIS, JR., Bank of Hawaii: "I haven't even considered whether Rodiek's sentence was too light or too heavy and therefore am not in a position to express an opinion."

MAYOR JOSEPH J. FERN: "It should have been a fine of \$100,000. Rodiek is a rich man and could pay that easily. I should think."

JAMES A. RATH: "If the statute covering the Rodiek case said 'fine and imprisonment' I do not see how a fine alone could be imposed. I have heard nothing but disgust expressed at the imposition of a fine and not a jail sentence."

JUDGE HARRY IRWIN: "The sentence given Georg Rodiek was altogether too lenient. It not only causes the enemy to hold us in contempt but also, as you might say, acts as a spur for future, similar deeds. I am certainly sorry that he did not receive a stiff jail sentence."

JOHN W. CATHART: "The San Francisco judge who sentenced Rodiek must have known what he was doing. How can the laymen here be the judges of what transpired so far away?"

CHARLES CHILLINGWORTH: "I think he got off easy."

L. FULLARD Leo: "If I were Georg Rodiek I wouldn't want to come back to Honolulu."

CHARLES KING: "If Mr. Shingle was subpoenaed he cannot be blamed for testifying in the Rodiek trial. He could only answer the questions asked him."

DETECTIVE A. E. CARTER: "You couldn't print my opinion."

D. B. KUHN: "It's what you might expect."

MALCOLM A. FRANKLIN: "Some people go deaf, dumb and blind when they see a dollar. But I cannot comment on the Rodiek sentence because I am a federal official."

POSTMASTER MACADAM: "If I had lived here longer I might want to say something."

Many others spoke vehemently, but refused to be quoted. "No penalty is too severe for a man who has been as treacherous as Georg Rodiek has to this country. For two years he has plotted against the Allies, and in so doing has attempted to injure the United States and indirectly, if not directly, his friends and business associates in Honolulu."

LIAM H. MCINERNEY: "The reason given by the San Francisco judge for fining Georg Rodiek only \$10,000 is to my mind just the reason why Rodiek should have been given the maximum penalty. It is just because he is a gentleman and a man of brains that his plea of ignorance sounds like a farce. The little fine of \$10,000 is entirely out of proportion to the crime, and I look upon the sentence as one of the greatest miscarriages of justice the world has ever seen. There is not a German or a person of German extraction in this country but who is on trial and they must show beyond the slightest doubt that they are loyal to America or so to hell."

## HALSEY THINKS RODIEK JOINED IN GEIER PLOT

Immigration Inspector Says Ex-Consul Got Him to Send German Sailor Away

Since the publication of the Grasshof diary Richard Halsey, inspector in charge of the Hawaii immigration station, declares he believes false representation regarding the physical condition of a member of the Geier crew were made personally to him by former German Consul George Rodiek and H. A. Schroeder, the consulate secretary.

It is a reference in the Grasshof diary to Geier sailors and officers "who are sick for whom it is believed possible to secure permission to travel to the states" that causes Mr. Halsey to believe he was duped by the former German consul and his secretary.

He says that he remembers Rodiek and Schroeder coming to him with the doctor of the Geier and representing that there was a sailor aboard the Geier very ill. It was stated that due to his long confinement aboard the ship and the Hawaii climate there was no hope of his recovery unless he was permitted to go to California and recuperate.

"Because I had no reason then to doubt the integrity of Rodiek I authorized the issuing of an alien permit for the man to go to California," Mr. Halsey says.

As revealed in the Grasshof diary, this was all a part of a plan to get the Geier officers and sailors to the mainland and eventually to Germany, in contravention of their parole.

Only this one instance is remembered by Mr. Halsey because the request was made to him personally, and he is not certain that others of the Geier crew were not given similar privileges subsequently.

The underground plan to slip Germans away from here on the Geier was told of in the diary in these words:

October 28, 1914: "I sent a telegram to Knorr that the sending home of officers and sailors is (possible) and that two officers, two men and—those who are sick have been given instructions. The steamers which are out of commission are the Holstein and the Lochman."

"Telegram from San Francisco: 'I have (concealed?) the sending home of the men, also secured (accommodations?) in New York. I recommended that shelter be given on board German vessels to all accredited persons.'"

Personal opinions expressed today by Federal Judge Horace W. Vaughan and Assistant U. S. Attorney J. J. Banks are that Georg Rodiek, vice-president of H. Hackfeld & Co., and former German consul here, has been shown of his American citizenship rights as the result of his conviction in San Francisco of activity in the plot to foment a rebellion in India.

The federal statutes provide that when a person is convicted of a felony he forfeits his right to vote as well as his right to hold public office. As regards the determination of a felony, the statutes' definition is that all offenses which may be punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, shall be deemed a felony.

Instead of being given a prison sentence for the felony he pleaded guilty to, Rodiek was fined \$10,000 by the San Francisco judge now hearing the Hindu conspiracy matter. Judge Vaughan points out that the fact that Rodiek was merely fined does not relieve him from the forfeiture of his citizenship rights.

Citizenship rights may be restored only by the president of the United States.

RODIEK LOSES CITIZENSHIP, SAYS JURIST

## Uncle Sam Spoils Plans For Wedding At Eleventh Hour

Japanese Bridegroom-to-Be is Sent Back Home While Guests Wait

Uncle Sam foiled the plans of Cupid Saturday night, through the intervention of immigration agents, and the prospective bridegroom was sent on his way to Japan, while the bride was left "waiting" uninformed of the fate that befell her husband-to-be.

Adopting of the American custom of sending out wedding invitations led to the tragedy. Ichiro Sata, the prospective bridegroom, escaped from immigration detention two years ago after he had been ordered deported because he was the victim of a loathsome disease.

Until Saturday no trace of him could be discovered and then there fell into the hands of an immigration inspector an invitation to attend Sata's wedding at Ewa that same evening. A hurried trip was made to Ewa and the man apprehended. At 5 o'clock that evening he was aboard a steamer bound for Japan. He begged for leniency, declaring that he hated to disappoint his bride, but without avail.

Sata has a former wife and two children in Japan. He secured a divorce by correspondence, Japanese style, since he escaped from the immigration station.

Despite the intervention of Uncle Sam in Sata's marriage plans, the invited guests were all present at the hour set for the wedding Saturday evening. It is reported that when he failed to show up they ate and drank all the wedding banquet delicacies.

## MAYOR STANDS PAT ON MARKHAM FOR PARK SUPT.

The appointment of the parks superintendent will take place Friday night at the meeting of the board, declared Mayor Joseph J. Fern this morning.

"Will you reappoint A. K. Vierra?" he was asked.

"I will not appoint A. K. Vierra under any condition. John Markham's name is still on the table and I will put it before the board for confirmation. The mayor has the power of appointment and not the board of supervisors, and I will not reappoint Vierra."

"And if the board turns down the appointment of Markham?" the mayor was asked.

"Then there is the other candidate, Valentine S. Holt," he replied, and when questioned what he would do if the board turned down Mr. Holt, he remained silent.

At the meeting Friday night the board will also decide when to meet again to finish up the work of making up the 1918 budget. Little progress on the budget was made at the special meeting of the board held Sunday morning.

The extraordinary large increase asked by Sheriff Charles Rose for his department drew forth some comments. The increase was for \$22,530 for six months. The board referred it to the police committee for investigation.

Mayor Fern explained the large increase in incidentals for the band was needed because of the necessity of procuring new quarters for the players where they could practise without complaint on the part of the neighbors. The incidentals were laid over. Salary rates asked by heads of department for deputies were turned down. Following a long harangue by several members of the board on the way that certain civic officials waste the city's money for gasoline and tires it was decided to investigate the appropriations for incidentals asked by various departments. The matter of Dr. Ayer's car for which, one of the members of the board said, the city and county has to supply tires and gasoline, was referred to the police committee for investigation.

ALL PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH FOR LETTERS TO HUNS

Instructions have been received by the customs officers to search the baggage and persons of all steamer passengers leaving this port in order to guard against letters and other forms of communication being sent to Germany or any country allied with her.

Search is to be made of passengers and their baggage arriving here the same as those departing from mainland ports.

Violation or attempted violation of the war restriction against correspondence with any person in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey or Bulgaria, except in the customary channels of the postoffice service, is punishable

## Congressman Dies After Operation

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Representative Ellsworth R. Bathrick of this city died today from an operation for gallstones. He was a Democrat, member of the house naval affairs committee, and had served in several sessions of Congress.

## German Paper Suspended For Food Criticism

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 24.—The Socialist paper, Vorwaerts, which was suddenly suspended by the German government, has resumed publication. In its first issue it announces that the suspension was due to the criticism which it made of the system of furnishing food to those invaded by the war, the criticism being printed under the heading "Let Them Beg." In this connection it prints prominently the defense made by Herr von Waldow, the food control chief.

## F. N. DOUBLEDAY, NOTED PUBLISHER VISITS HONOLULU

Partner of U. S. Ambassador Page Going to Orient on Red Cross Mission

On his way to the Orient on a Red Cross mission, F. N. Doubleday, whose business partner is the American ambassador to Great Britain, Arthur W. Page, the big publishing house at Garden City, Long Island, arrived in Honolulu Sunday from the mainland and will stay over in the city for a few days. He is accompanied by Mrs. Doubleday, who is also an active American Red Cross Society member.

"I used to be a publisher, but now I'm a Red Crosser," smiled Mr. Doubleday, who in appearance is a well-built man past the 50-year mark. A slightly gray mustache helps to conceal the smile that ever lurks in the corner of his mouth and his twinkling eyes betray the happiness that is his in being wrapped up in Red Cross work for he has the sole charge of the Red Cross magazine.

## CHILD SUCCEEDS CASTLE AS CHIEF FOOD EXECUTIVE

J. F. Child, federal food administrator for the territory, has been appointed executive officer of the territorial food commission, thus giving him practically entire control over all food conservation and food regulation matters in Hawaii.

Administrator Child succeeds Attorney A. L. Castle, who resigned recently. Mr. Child was assistant executive officer, and it was while he held that position that he was appointed federal administrator by the president.

The territorial food commission has abolished the office of assistant executive officer, but it is likely that Mr. Child may appoint some one to assist him.

The necessity of speeding up the work of the food commission has been pointed out from time to time, and this is to be taken up by Mr. Child when he visits Washington to confer with Herbert Hoover. Mr. Child is now allowed a substantial sum of money each month for the employment of assistants, and he will probably gather a staff of workers about him upon his return from the mainland.

TWO RESERVE CORPS CAPTAINS ARE SUMMONED

Two army field clerks, quartermaster department, were today called into active service as captains, reserve corps. These are Capt. Charles A. Morrow, who is called to the states for duty, and Capt. Henry Cummins, who will remain in this department.

by a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 10 years.

## FRENCH HIT HUN AIRMEN HEAVY BLOW

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) PARIS, France, Dec. 24.—During the past three days there have been no less than a hundred air combats on the French-German front. The French aviators have been highly successful, destroying 18 German machines, and dropping 20 heavy charges of explosive behind the German lines.

## HALIFAX PROBE GETS AT STORY OF COLLISION

Investigation of the Halifax disaster has not yet either confirmed or disproved the story of German agencies responsible for the explosion, according to the latest information by mail. The inquiry is now revolving around the steamer Iro, at one time believed to have been sent purposely into the munitions ship, the Mont Blanc.

A despatch printed in the Pacific coast papers under date of December 14, says:

"HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—There were no Germans or Austrians aboard the Iro's course prior to the collision. The Iro, second officer of the government inquiry into the explosion. So far as he knew the captain and pilot were both on the bridge of the ship until after the collision. He had noticed no change in the Iro's course prior to the collision. Twenty minutes elapsed, he said, before the explosion occurred."

"Changed Her Course" "Bjornsen said he did not know the Mont Blanc was carrying munitions, and he recalled that while he was below after the collision to see if the Iro was leaking, he overheard Third Officer Jonnas say the French ship could not be carrying munitions or she would be flying a red flag. Bjornsen stated that if the Iro had not gone astern the French ship would have rammed her near the stern on the port side. He said the Mont Blanc chanked her course after three blasts on the whistle, swinging over to the Halifax side of the channel."

"Nearest Witness" "Edward McCrossan, seaman, who was the nearest witness of the explosion on a steamer in the harbor, said the Iro struck the Mont Blanc near her No. 1 hatch. Less than a minute later, McCrossan said, he saw something rise from the deck of the Frenchman. Then he saw the Iro's propellers going as she backed out from the Mont Blanc. As the two vessels drifted apart, McCrossan noticed a tiny flame on the munitions ship, just at the water's edge. From where he was the flame did not seem to be more than a couple of inches in extent, but it grew larger and larger, as the Mont Blanc drifted in toward the pier, where she blew up. The seaman was able to give a graphic picture of the disaster."

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U. S. VIGILANCE STOPS GERMAN SPY AT BORDER

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 24.—Charles Feige, who, all the evidence indicates, was a German spy, was shot and killed yesterday by army patrols as he sought to cross into Mexico. When his body was searched there were found upon him papers that appear to indicate clearly that he was a spy. Among the papers were ground plans of troop camps and fortifications. He also carried a camera.

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## NEW GERMAN PLAN TO 'SETTLE WAR' RUMORED; RUSSIA CHAOS PLAYING INTO TEUTON HANDS

Bolsheviki Negotiating With Other Factions, While Kaiser's Agents Scheme For Commercial Control

ROME, Italy, Dec. 24.—It is reported here apparently on reliable authority that there is a new German peace plan impending. It is reported that the kaiser will issue a declaration on Christmas Day containing his peace proposals. The nature of these is not suggested in the latest rumors.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—While the Bolsheviki faction is endeavoring to win over other Russian elements and secure a combination to carry on peace negotiations with the Central Powers, the German agents are busy behind the Russian lines, attempting to turn the chaotic situation to Germany's account in a commercial as well as a political way.

## PEACE PARLEY IS ON; DELEGATES AT CITY UPON BORDER

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Peace negotiations are under way at Brest-Litovsk, reports from there by way of Copenhagen declare. On the contrary, Petrograd reports tell of the departure of the Bolsheviki delegates on their return home. The exact status of the situation is apparently a matter of some doubt, the Copenhagen despatches indicating that proceedings are going ahead, while the Petrograd despatches indicate an unexplained hitch somewhere. The Petrograd reports were dated Friday, while those from Brest-Litovsk were sent on Saturday and are given a greater credence.

Prince Leopold Welcomes Delegates Peace negotiations were opened at Brest-Litovsk on Saturday, messages to Copenhagen declared, and proceeded to give details of the opening meeting. Delegates from Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Russia and Turkey were present and were welcomed by Prince Leopold of Bavaria, commander of the forces of the east for the Kaiser.

After his address of welcome Prince Leopold suggested that Count von Kuehlmann be made chairman and he was unanimously selected. Rules of procedure were then adopted which provide that the debate shall be conducted in the German, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish languages, interpreters translating all of the remarks to the delegates in those languages.

"Bolsheviki Program Presented" With rules of procedure adopted the chief Bolsheviki delegate rose and in a long speech presented the Russian peace proposals, which coincide closely with those promulgated some weeks since by the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council and support of which they demanded from Kersensky before he was deposed.

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Petrograd reports today say that the Bolsheviki commissioners are attempting to negotiate a settlement with the Ukrainians, who have already set up an independent government, and it is further reported that the Ukrainians are in a receptive mood.

The Cossacks are still vigorously opposing the Bolsheviki but there were no reports today of important campaign developments.

It is currently reported that there is increased military activity among the Ukrainians.

German war prisoners now released from various Russian detention camps are flocking towards Petrograd. It is rumored that the Russians are arming them.

The Germans are actively engaged in trading in Russia, taking full advantage of their unusual opportunities, resulting from the inertia and failure of Russian industries.

The Bolsheviki leaders are now negotiating with Social Revolutionists of the coalition cabinet, allowing the latter the ministries of justice, posts and communications, and national affairs.

This same faction has begun the trials by court-martial of those accused of opposing the Bolsheviki activities. Among the prisoners is Countess Panin, former minister of education, who is reported to be the first to stand trial, on account of her refusal to deliver department funds to the Bolsheviki.

UKRAINIANS DEVELOP UNEXPECTED POWER

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) LONDON, England, Dec. 24.—Growing strength of the newly organized Ukrainian government and a weakening of the Bolsheviki forces are indicated by all of the reports which come through from Russia. The Ukrainian forces have been augmented by the navy in the Black Sea and by considerable additions to the land forces as well. Successes are attending their arms.

Between Homel and Bakmatch the Ukrainian troops have been concentrated while the Bolsheviki are gathering near Minsk. They are preparing to resist advances of the Cossack forces which will follow the concentration now in progress.

General Verkhovski, who was war minister under Kersensky before the latter was deposed, has offered his services to the Ukrainian government which now has complete control of Odessa.

Highly important is the addition of the Black Sea fleet which reports say has gone over to the Ukrainians to a man.

RUSSIA SAID TO HAVE PROMISED AUSTRIA FOOD

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Food supplies from Russia have been promised to the people at Vienna. This statement is credited to von Hofer, the Austrian food minister, in a despatch which reached here last night from Vienna. He is reported to have issued a statement that the food supply for Vienna and all Austria would shortly be improved by the shipment of stores from Russia, with which country a peace agreement was pending.

JAPANESE UNIVERSITY TO TEACH AMERICAN COURSE

(Social Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 24.—The family of the late H. Higuchi, one of the best known missionaries in Japan, has donated a large sum of money for a course on America in the Imperial University. A special study of American life and business will be given in the new department.

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